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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 756 By Ford S

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Priscilla Mills upon her recent appointment as the CEO of Lakeway Regional Hospital, and for her laudable service to her community and the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mrs. Priscilla Mills, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a registered nurse and the former chief nursing officer and chief operating officer of the Lakeway Regional Hospital, Mrs. Mills is the first female CEO of the Lakeway Regional Hospital and is the first female Chief Executive Officer of any of the hospitals in Morristown's history; and

WHEREAS, an employee for the past thirteen years at Lakeway Regional Hospital, Mrs.

Mills has been named the interim CEO of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Priscilla Mills is quite qualified to become the CEO of the 135-bed regional hospital, by virtue of her experience at Lakeway and as a graduate with a master's degree in health care administration from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills is excited about the challenges facing her as the new Chief Executive Officer who will be leading a total medical staff of 145 dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Mills epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is quite active in her community, having worked with the United Way medical division, in addition to serving on their public relations committee, the agribusiness committee, and the health committee of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, she also is a member of the Tennessee Nurse's Association and the Manley Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Mills is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Dean Mills, a civil engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority; they are the proud parents of Jessica, Justin, and Jonathan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Morristown; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Priscilla Mills for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens, and congratulate her on her most recent professional promotion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Priscilla Mills for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and congratulate her on being selected as the first female Chief Executive Officer of the Lakeway Regional Hospital, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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